

RECOGNIZING "MATHCOUNTS"
CONTEST STAR

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 9, 1998

Ms. NOTRON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sarah Gilberg, one of the many achievers of the D.C. public schools. Sarah Gilberg, an eighth-grader at Alice Deal Junior High School, recently finished first nationwide among all female participants at the national "Mathcounts" competition here in Washington. Her hard work has won her a \$3,000 scholarship from the American Association of University Women. Today I rise to offer Sarah much-deserved recognition from the entire city and from this body.

Sarah Gilberg placed first in the state level of "Mathcounts" before moving on to lead the small D.C. team to a 25th-place finish in the national competition. Her performance, which surpassed that of all other young women in the competition nationwide, shows that achievement is not limited to private schools. An eighth-grade student in Mr. Guy Brandenburg's geometry class, Sarah has taken the initiative and has met with great success. Sarah pursues interests in astronomy, art and music, in addition to her ongoing work in mathematics. Under the able and dedicated coaching and encouragement of a generous leader, Guy Brandenburg, she has risen to excel, and has added this latest award to many others held by Alice Deal Junior High

School. Sarah truly represents the well-rounded D.C. student, combining her intellectual, academic and personal interests to achieve larger and larger honors. Across this city, DCPS students work hard and achieve excellence each and every day. Like Sarah Gilberg, many D.C. students build exemplary records but most go unnoticed.

Members of the House have been quick to criticize the District's public school system for its considerable failures. I know that Members would want to recognize one of the many achievers produced by the D.C. public school system. I urge every Member to take note of the stars of the District of Columbia's public school system, beginning with Sarah Gilberg. I invite members and staff to participate in helping our youngsters to improve by mentoring, tutoring, and finding other ways to help our public schools. Public education needs our personal attention in order to blossom and reach for the stars. I am happy to represent Sarah Gilberg, one of these bright stars.

TRIBUTE TO STERLING HAALAND

HON. WILLIAM M. THOMAS

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Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, on July 2nd, the United States will lose 30 years of defense research experience and program management skills when Mr. Sterling Haaland, the Executive Director of the Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division, takes retirement. His

knowledge and experience are going to be sorely missed.

If you consider the measure of our nation's ability to defend us to be an ability to accurately deliver force, Sterling Haaland's work stands out. His expertise and accomplishments have produced more accurate weapons systems, better flight software for pilots and state of the art facilities for weapons development and testing at the Navy's China Lake and Pt. Mugu ranges into the Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division.

More than senior executive, program manager or researcher, Sterling Haaland's work embodies the skill and dedication this country has come to depend on getting from its defense professionals in times of crisis. When called upon to ensure our troops in Desert Storm had the best equipment we could provide, Haaland's organization made critical improvements to the AIM-9M Sidewinder missile, adapted the HARM anti-radar missile to Persian Gulf conditions, adjusted fuzes, missiles and bomb subsystems to meet new conditions and delivered improved electronic warfare systems to Navy and Marine pilots.

The legacy Sterling Haaland leaves behind him is one of accomplishment. A new generation of professionals is assuming the responsibilities he has carried. His example and the premier defense research organization he leaves behind are blueprints his successors will be able to follow in keeping the Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division, in the forefront of defense technology development and testing.